



66 Cottage Street, East Berlin

1896

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church

Gothic revival

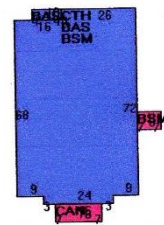
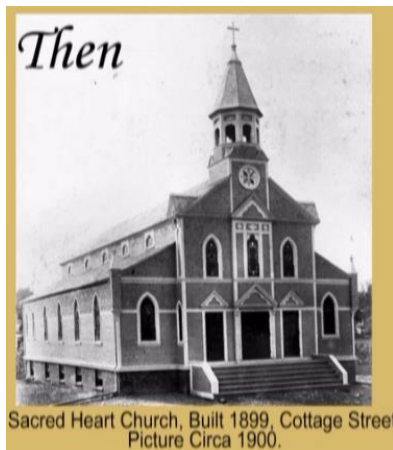
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1896 Sacred Heart gothic revival

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1896 Sacred Heart

Sketch



Historic Buildings of Connecticut



The church was erected in 1896-1897. At the time, the Catholic population of East Berlin was expanding rapidly, in large part owing to the growth of the Berlin Iron Bridge Company, which required an enlarged labor force. Land for the church was secured on August 12, 1896 for \$400 and the cornerstone was laid by Bishop Michael Tierney on November 8, 1896. The plans were drawn by architect Joseph A. Jackson of Waterbury and the building contract was awarded to R. O. Clark of East Berlin. The project was warmly encouraged and supported by the Berlin Bridge Company, whose president, Charles M. Jarvis, contributed \$300 toward the construction. The structure was completed at a cost of \$7,300. Sacred Heart Church was dedicated on Sunday, May 30,

1897. The church became a full parish in 1967. On March 1, 2017, Sacred Heart Church merged with St. Paul Church in Kensington.

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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Town No.:

Site No.:

UTM

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DISTRICT

IF NR, SPECIFY

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☐ Actual ☐ Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church		Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Berlin	East Berlin	Hartford	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		17-2/149/7	
66 Cottage Street			
4. OWNER(S)		East Berlin Connecticut 06023	
Sacred Heart Church " "		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Church		Church	

DESCRIPTION

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD		INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				during services	
7. STYLE OF BUILDING				DATE OF CONSTRUCTION			
Gothic Revival				1896 (cornerstone)			
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard		<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick foundation		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) vinyl siding	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding		<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten		<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco		<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding		<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:		<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:			
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame		<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam		<input type="checkbox"/> balloon			
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry		<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel					
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)							
10. ROOF (Type)							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable		<input type="checkbox"/> Flat		<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard		<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel		<input type="checkbox"/> Shed		<input type="checkbox"/> Hip		<input type="checkbox"/> Round	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt		<input type="checkbox"/> Tin		<input type="checkbox"/> Slate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> Built up		<input type="checkbox"/> Tile		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street	
						<input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS					
2		43' x 68'					
12. CONDITION (Structural)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good		<input type="checkbox"/> Fair		<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
13. INTEGRITY (Location)							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
						Siding; modern entry porch	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES							
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn		<input type="checkbox"/> Shed		<input type="checkbox"/> Garage		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)	
						Small sided shrine in front	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house		<input type="checkbox"/> Shop		<input type="checkbox"/> Garden			
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT							
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land		<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential		<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial		<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial		<input type="checkbox"/> Rural		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS							
In a mostly Victorian residential neighborhood.							

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:		

Place

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DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)
	<p>Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church has a central entry with a pedimented pavillion and a large recent gabled portico on steel posts. Windows are pointed-arched and are fitted with stained glass panes. The short octagonal steeple sits on a rectangular base and has rectangular louvres; above is a conical roof and a gilded cross. On either side elevation, slightly to the rear of the main facade, is a lower shed-roofed bay forming a clerestory with small pointed-arched windows. At the front corners of these side bays are small spires, now covered with modern siding. The rear elevation has triple pointed-arched stained glass windows and two modern entries.</p>

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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SIGNIFICANCE	19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
	<p>Although its appearance is somewhat altered by the application of recent siding, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church is architecturally significant as a good example of the Gothic Revival style. The Gothic Revival movement, which began in 18th century England, was one of many picturesque revival styles current in 19th century America. Popularized as a domestic style by the mid-century pattern books of Alexander Jackson Downing, it experienced a second wave of popularity as a religious and institutional style in the late Victorian era. The order and authority signified by its references to the medieval cathedral no doubt appealed to designers of churches and public buildings. More elaborate examples often feature tall, narrow spires; here we can see the style's characteristic pointed-arched (lancet) windows, stained glass, and the use of the side bays to suggest a clerestory and buttresses.</p> <p>(Continued)</p>

SOURCES	<p>Berlin Land Records 44:357 Duggan, Rev. Thomas, <u>The History of the Catholic Church in Connecticut</u>. New York: The States History Company, 1930.</p>
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21 TREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known <input type="checkbox"/> Highways <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism <input type="checkbox"/> Developers <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning <input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____

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59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: _____ Date: 12/84

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church

19. (continued)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church is historically significant as a long-time religious and cultural institution in East Berlin. Lacking the large immigrant concentrations of Connecticut's urban centers, Berlin did not have a permanent Catholic church until 1878, when the first St. Paul's church was built in Kensington. Sacred Heart Church was erected in 1896. At the time, the population of East Berlin was growing rapidly, largely as a result of the expansion of the nearby Berlin Iron Bridge Company.

